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## FATHER DEMPSEY GETS \$10,000.00

Former Mexico Pastor—Will Put the "Blood Money" to Work.

The St. Louis Republic a few days ago contained the following note:

Rev. Father Timothy Dempsey, founder of the Working Girls' Home, the Day Nursery and the Hotel for Workingmen, yesterday received a check for \$10,000 from the estate of Adolphus Busch. It will be expended on the institutions.

"This will be the happiest New Year's Day of my life," said Father Dempsey yesterday. "Words are too weak and inexpressive to tell my gratitude adequately."

Father Dempsey has not made any plans as to the manner in which his gift will be used. It is the largest donation he ever has received.

The Father will put the "blood money" to work where it will count. He was formerly pastor of St. Brendan's Catholic church in this city.

### MESSAGE SPECIAL FEATURES

Items Not Found in Any Other Audrain County Newspaper

Willing to sell husband—prefers a cat.

Horrifying sights at Presidio, Texas—A Mexican battle.

Peaches and nuts in Old Missouri.

George Clinton writes about Helps for Rural Life.

Nellie Maxwell tells of "Good Things to Eat."

Two columns of "World's Wonders."

Look out for "The Time Lock" serial story soon to appear in the Message. It is a good one.

You will learn that there is more than one variety of bluff after reading the new serial we are about to run.

## The Time Lock

by Charles Edmonds Walk

tells how an inventor brings a multi-millionaire to time by a clever fake. A strange murder, a mysterious disappearance and a succession of unusual adventures will keep you interested from the beginning to the very last chapter.

Watch for the issue with first installment

### SOME INTERVIEWS.

Marston W. Beamer: We want better mail service out at Molino, and we have petitioned Uncle Sam for the accommodation. Three months in the year we don't get our Thursday mails until Friday. That's not pleasing. We want it brought out from Mexico in the early part of the day on the electric car; that's the caper.

J. F. Dorgan: I was down in Texas a week or so ago. I noticed the wheat prospects from Mexico all the way down there—the best I ever saw. If there is a full crop this coming season it will be the biggest ever harvested in this part of the West. I have a farm near Wildorado, Texas, and I was down there to see after it. I took dinner one day with John Faddis and family. They used to own a farm six miles northwest of Mexico. They are doing well in Texas, but they get homesick for a visit back in Audrain. They are within a mile of Wildorado. It's a nice little town: good schools, churches, etc. Texas, on the whole, is a big good State.

Mr. and Mrs. August Ahlfeldt: A week or two since we left our home at Stuttgart, Ark., and the roses were in bloom. Have been visiting our daughter, Alma, who married Mr. Ruby D. Garrett, an attorney, of Kansas City. Have also been down at our old home, Laddonia, to visit our genial friend, Jim Lynch. Are now on our way to visit Mrs. Ahlfeldt's mother, Mrs. Emeline Neeley, at Benton City. From thence we go to St. Louis, to visit Henry Ahlfeldt, and then we depart for home. We are in partnership with C. A. Wilder of Laddonia and R. W. Pearson of Mexico on a big rice farm near Stuttgart. We sold from off this farm last season \$7,000 worth of rice, hay and oats. Our oats made 60 bushels per acre. Stuttgart is a growing place, with a population of 5,000 people. Mostly all are new settlers, from the North. The natives are pushing back into the woods and the sparser settlements. We have brought them energy and new ideas and we're making things hum. We've the liveliest community you ever saw. Come down and we'll show you.

Gray Wilson: We farmers have been mudding it a little lately. Some of this moisture would have been great last summer? Maybe so. We don't always know, however, even when we know we know.

W. G. Armstrong: I am here on a visit to relatives from Jefferson, Iowa. The last you heard of me I was in Southwest Missouri. Didn't like it down that way, so I went North. I'm still a Republican, but not a standpatter. I'm a Progressive. That's what we all ought to be—in politics or 'out of politics—in all our professions and doings.

G. Zaugg: I was born in Switzerland. Came to this country when eight years old. Was raised mostly in Ohio. Lived nearly 30 years at Centralia, then came to Mexico. I was a Union soldier from 1864 to the close of the War. I landed one time with a regiment at Cincinnati and we had an experience with booze. Privately I might tell you all about this episode.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. Canthorn are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Everett Blackman, of Kansas City.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Creasey Have Been Married 42 Years.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Creasey at Thompson celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They are a very popular couple. The following were among their friends—with the presents each brought—who sat down at a great feast spread by Mrs. Creasey:

From Mexico—Mr. and Mrs. Sid Gary and little son, Ross Gary, pair embroidered towels; Mr. and Mrs. Porter Tinsley, salad bowl; Miss Lena Tinsley; Mr. and Mrs. Eppa F. Elliott, china; Miss Sally Jesse, glasses; Mrs. Eugie Tinsley, glasses.

From Centralia—Mrs. Kate Cogswell, formerly of Thompson; Mrs. Fannie Shelton; Mrs. Mary Robinson; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wade; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram.

From Thompson—Mr. and Mrs. Egbert, reading lamp; Mrs. H. T. Gant; Mr. and Mrs. John Pulis; Mr. and Mrs. Senor; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pearl; Miss Zola Beal; Mrs. Martha Davis; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson. Others were invited but could not be present on account of sickness in their homes.

It was a joyful day to all present. Many more happy wedding anniversaries are wished for Mr. and Mrs. Creasey.

### MESSAGE FRIENDS.

The following are late new subscribers or renewals for the Message:

W. C. Atkins.  
A. G. Adell.  
T. B. Ridgeway.  
John Dierge.  
C. O. Black.  
Dr. E. Byran.  
Fannie Wakefield.  
Geisler Bros.  
X. P. Ball.  
Mrs. G. W. Adams.  
First Nat. Bank.  
Gray Wilson.  
M. W. Beamer.  
E. R. Hagan.  
J. F. Dorgan.  
J. C. King.  
Mrs. August Ahlfeldt.  
S. P. Emmons.  
John W. Stotler.  
D. Jeff Atkins.  
Pat Devaney.  
Barton Iman.  
B. L. Frisbie.

Ned Hagan and Nick Smith of Laddonia honored the Message with a business call last Friday.

D. Jeff Atkins, at Lebanon, Mo., sends us wherewithal to renew for the Message, adding this greeting: "Much happiness to you and yours and also for all my old friends in Audrain!"

Martinsburg played Mexico High School in a basket ball game here last Friday. The score stood 68 to 13 in favor of Mexico. It was a rough game and was 13—unlucky for Martinsburg.

Rev. I. M. Turnage, pastor of the Baptist church at Wellsville, was married last Thursday, January 1st, at Macon City, Mo., to Mrs. Annie Musgrove. The Message is glad to learn that Rev. and Mrs. Turnage are to make their home in Mexico.

With the new time card in effect on the Chicago & Alton Railroad Jan. 4, 1914, No. 12, leaving Mexico at 4:00 a. m., will make local stops between Mexico and Roodhouse. No. 70 will stop at Vandalia, Bowling Green and Louisiana only.

### THE MEXICO FAIR.

Ranks up Well With the Other Fairs of the State.

Missouri had 66 county fairs last year. The Mexico Fair was third in admissions, having an attendance of over 15,000. Columbia was first, having an attendance of 20,000. Moberly had an attendance of 17,000.

Mexico led with 150 horses exhibited; Columbia second, with 122, and Moberly third, with 120. Mexico was first with the number of mules shown, having 50, while Fayette and Armstrong tied for second, with 30 each, and Columbia third, with 24.

Jacksonville led with the number of jacks and jennets, having 22; Mexico was second, with 20, and Fayette third, with 16.

Moberly was first in the number of cattle, with 54; Clark second, with 27, and Mexico third, with 25.

Fayette was first with the number of hogs, having 50, Moberly second, with 30, and Mexico and Sturgeon, tied for third, with 20 each.

Jacksonville was first with sheep, having 27; Sturgeon second, with 20, and Mexico third, with 15.

In the matter of poultry shown, Mexico was fifth, with 40.

### "DO IT FOR MEXICO."

Slogan of Traveling Men's Feast at the Ringo.

About 100 traveling men live in Mexico. They have a local organization; W. G. Burks is president, and last Saturday night they banqueted and feasted together at the Ringo Hotel. Mr. Burks acted as toastmaster. Among the speakers were Rufus Jackson, Dr. P. E. Coil, Rev. A. A. Wallace, L. M. White, Frank Parker, and others.

The traveling man was set up to be somebody and his praises were sung on every hand. Mexico traveling men spend over \$100,000 in our city annually. They stand for the idea of patronizing home institutions.

The Mexico traveling man is a great fellow. He is a booster wherever he goes, especially is he ever boosting Mexico.

The city Democratic primary is to be held Monday, Feb. 2.

The Mexico Owls have organized with a charter membership of 51.

E. C. S. Miller visited his old home at Burlington, Iowa, last week.

Miss Dorothy Stallings is recovering from an attack of diptheria.

James Devaney of Commerce, Texas, has been visiting relatives at Rush Hill.

Mrs. H. E. Truex of St. Louis is visiting her mother in this city, Mrs. J. R. Johnson.

Miss Frances DeVaney and Mrs. C. S. Ray of Rush Hill were pleasant callers at the Message office Monday.

George Crosswhite and wife of near Skinner have bought the Ote Hodge property in Mexico, paying \$1,250. They moved thereto last week.

Joe Billie Stephens, Wm. Vivion, R. H. Brown and Sam Byrns are prominently mentioned as candidates for County Recorder.

### ECHOES AND TANGLES.

In the Bowling Green High School 50 out of 57 young men, on a proposition put to them by the superintendent, signed a pledge not to use tobacco. Put the question to the Mexico High at once.

Rev. Fred Shorter has been serving the Christian church at Wellsville for a year or more, but now that church is Short-er a pastor—for Mr. Shorter has quit. The preacher was a good fellow, all right, for in recognition of the esteem in which he was held the church board presented him with a handsome gold-handled umbrella. Bro. Shorter is now long on esteem and an umbrella besides.

This heredity idea is overworked. Don't put your meanness on your ancestors—dead long since and not here to defend themselves against your slanders. Begin right and you will end right. Don't try any excuses with the Lord. Where there's a will there's a way. It's your business to find that way—or make one,—and don't put up the bluff of heredity, that you are not able to do this or resist that because dad or some other sire or dam down the line sinned likewise.

Bob Hooton, west of Mexico, butchered seven hogs last week for his winter's meat. Mr. Hooton raises hogs as well as strawberries.

Do you understand the new Currency Bill? Did you read the Message article on that subject last week? That ought to put you onto the ropes. Tangles would suggest the Currency Bill as a reading and study lesson for the McMillan High School boys and girls. Give the fellow a good round 100 mark who thinks he can explain it whether he can or not.

Did you get acquainted with "Professor" Allen? Did he locate an "oil well" for you, and how much of your good money did he get?

It is reported that a Wellsville youth is trying to cheat Peggy out of his Button up at Clark, Mo. Well, yes, we suspect the Clark boys know a thing or two about making love, also.

Just as we suspected, the Missouri newspapers have been imposed upon. Rev. C. C. Seelman, now of California, formerly pastor of the Mexico Methodist church, is not building a church of 900 rooms, as reported. The congregation he is serving is building a nine story structure, and the church people will use the first and second floors and the other rooms will be let to renters. And that's different.

The Centralia Guard and the Centralia Courier both profess to be afraid of the Mexico "Owls." Centralia, and Columbia, and Sturgeon each used to have a "nest" of the "owls" and the prosecuting attorney of Boone ordered each nest to close up and cease violating the local option law—and they all closed without delay. The owl is a nocturnal reptilian bird; he's wise; the Greeks and Romans considered him an emblem of wisdom. The modern "owl" sometimes becomes too wise, that's the difference.

Mrs. Clay McClure attended the Military Ball in Jefferson City last week.

## TOWNSHIP MEETINGS TO BE HELD

To Launch Work for Betterment of Audrain Schools.

County Superintendent of Schools W. C. Johnson hands the Message, the following letter which he has addressed to teachers and school people in all parts of the county:

Mexico, Mo., Jan. 1, 1914.—I want to hold some township meetings the next few months. I have divided the county into 13 districts. I expect to have the meetings in the following places: At Pine in Saling Township on Saturday, Jan. 17; at Naylor Saturday, Jan. 24; at Payne in South Wilson, Saturday, Jan. 31; at Duly in north Salt River, Saturday, Feb. 7; at Mexico Saturday, Feb. 14; at Beagles in Prairie, February 21; at Rush Hill, February 28; at Benton City March 7; at Martinsburg Saturday, March 14; at Laddonia, Saturday March 21; at Farber, Saturday, March 28; at Mt. Carmel, Saturday, April 4; at Vandalia, Saturday, April 11.

If you were unable to attend the State Association, you should make preparation to attend at least three of these. And then let us work together for a good meeting.

I shall enclose a suggested program. Please familiarize yourself with the different subjects so that you may be able to discuss any one of them if called upon.

8:50—Preliminary. 9—The School. Five minute talks on papers. (a) Neighborhood. (b) Environment. (c) Sanitation. (d) Apparatus. (e) Finance. (f) Disturbing Elements. (g) Open Discussion. 10:00—Obstacles of School. Ten minute talks on papers. (a) Dead District. (b) Unconcerned Patrons. (c) Parsimonious Taxpayers. (d) The Roads. Open Discussion. General Summary. W. C. Johnson. 1:15—A Recitation or two. 1:30—Product of the School. (A) Do the Present Evils of Our Society Have Any Part of their Origin in Our School System? (B) Do the Practices of the World and the Ideal of School Harmonize? (C) The value of a well classified and well Graded School Closely Following the Course of Study. The Advantages of a Well Equipped and Beautifully Decorated School Home. Shall WE Consolidate?

If you can have one or two of your pupils learn something appropriate, please do so. Interest all your pupils and patrons, as far as possible.

If you have any suggestions, feel free to make them. It may be that you have some special subject that you are especially interested in or is particularly appropriate to your community. I should also like some help in assigning subjects to the different teachers and patrons.

May I hear from you?  
Yours truly,  
W. C. JOHNSON.  
Office Day: Monday.

Mr. Walter G. Helwig, formerly of Mexico community, was married at Kansas City last Thursday to Miss Stella M. Rice.

## Mexico Savings Bank

Capital Stock, \$150,000.00

43rd Year in Business.

W. W. FRY, President.  
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.